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Comments: According to our telephone discussion earlier today, attached is the proposed topics for discussion during our personal interview on Aug. 31, 2004, at 1:00 pm.

Please call me at (703) 208-4011 if you have any questions.

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TOPICS FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW
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- (1) There is no teaching, suggestion, or motivation in the cited prior art (Someya) for adopting a first characteristic that makes the input signal and conversion signal virtually equal to each other.
- (2) Modifying Someya to adopt such a first characteristic (as proposed by the Examiner in page 3 of the Office Action) changes the principle of operation in Someya. This is improper for obviousness-type rejection.